

4th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Remembrance

All ages / Jan 18 / Free

Join us on this special day of remembrance at the Roger Carter Community Center, named in memory of Howard County's own prominent community leader. An invocation with a special musical program by the Bain Center Gospel Choir highlights the day. Visitors learn about Roger Carter's contributions to Howard County and more. Please bring a nonperishable food item for donation to a local food bank.

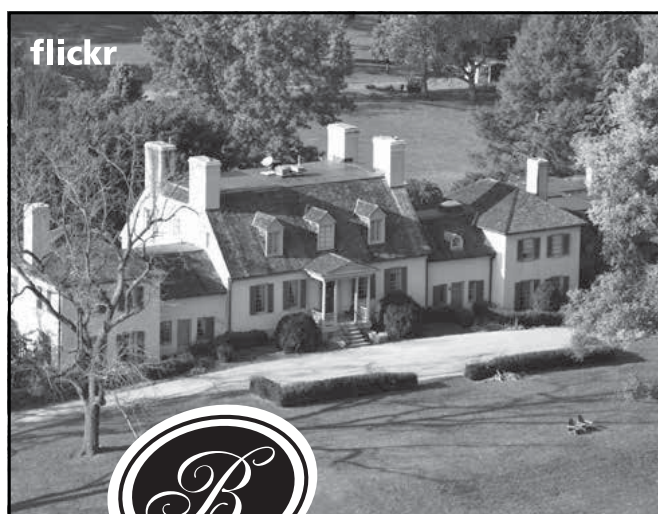
Roger Carter Comm Ctr 10 AM-1 PM M

Presidents Day at Pfeiffer's Corner Schoolhouse

Grades 3-6 / Feb 15 / \$10

On this holiday celebrating the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, children learn about these leaders, their families and how they influenced the nation as presidents through stories, games and hands-on activities in a one-room schoolhouse built in the 1880s. Come see what going to school was like in the 19th century! Bring a nut-free snack and beverage.

RP3050.601 Pfeiffer's Corner Schoolhouse 10 AM-noon M



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- Beautiful Historic Manor House on 68 acres of protected park land
- Suitable for meetings, retreats, receptions, presentations, holiday parties, company picnics, team building & events
- Wi-Fi & AV equipment
- Conference room, ballroom & dining rooms with adjacent break rooms & gas fireplaces
- Game package & billiards room
- Howard County Conservancy Nature Center on-site
- Convenient location, minutes from BWI Airport, I-95 & Rt 100

TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 410-313-0200 or email callen@howardcountymd.gov

6555 Belmont Woods Road, Elkridge, MD 21075
www.belmontmanormd.org

Volunteer Opportunities

The mission of the volunteer program is to enhance the programs and services of the Recreation & Parks Department with additional resources while providing an opportunity for the citizens of Howard County to contribute to their community. Volunteer opportunities are available in many areas including preschool and youth programs, sports, senior adult programs, natural resources, outdoor recreation and special events. To volunteer with Howard County Recreation & Parks, you must meet the following requirements

- Be at least 18 years old or 13-17 years old with parental consent;
- Complete the Volunteer Application;
- Be a good role model with a positive attitude; and
- If 18 or over, complete a Background Release Form, if required for the position.

To sign up for a volunteer opportunity or to find out what volunteer events are coming: www.hocovolunteer.org.

Info: Shawnté Berry, 410-313-4624 or
sberry@howardcountymd.gov.

Community Knitting & Crocheting Group

55 yrs + / 2nd and 4th Wed of the month / Free

Information on page 59.

RP3070.601 Kiwanis-Wallas Hall 1-3 PM W

CHECK OUT THE NEW VOLUNTEERS WEBSITE

Event Dates: 11/07/2015 - 11/07/2015

Family Volunteer Day



Saturday, November 7
9 AM-noon

Parks and facilities throughout Howard County.
Information: 410-313-4704.
Pre-registration required by Oct 29.
For project descriptions and to preregister visit:
www.hocovolunteer.org.



Family Volunteer Day Patapsco Female Institute...

Thank you for your interest in
volunteering with Howard County. For the latest
opportunities, please visit us at
www.hocovolunteer.org

Rentals

Historic Sites

Volunteers



The Holiday Train Garden delights all ages!

Special Events & Family Activities

December

Holiday Train Garden

All ages / Nov 21-Jan 10 / Free

Come visit us and enjoy some holiday fun provided by train enthusiast Dennis Moore. The layout features four continuously operating trains. Visitors of all ages delight in the buttons to activate accessories or sounds. Enter for a free drawing to win four passes to the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore. Train garden open during center operating hours.

Gary J Arthur Comm Ctr

Christmas in the Park

All ages / Dec 1 / Free

Kick off the holiday season with a tree lighting! Join County Executive Allan H. Kittleman for some hot chocolate and caroling with the Howard High School Chamber Choir. (Enjoy a special visit from Santa Claus and seasonal holiday characters.) Info: 410-313-7275.

Centennial Pk South 6-7:30 PM Tu

Holiday Mart

All ages / Dec 5 / \$5, ages 5+; Free, 4 yrs & under

Join us for the 43rd year. Find seasonal gifts and merchandise created by 130 juried artisans. Enjoy horse and carriage rides, door prizes and a children's craft corner. Shoppers know this is the place to find unique handcrafted items and home decor. You're sure to find something for everyone on your list! Hot and cold beverages, lunch and snacks available for purchase. Coat and package check available. Info: 410-313-4840.

Gary J Arthur Comm Ctr 10 AM-5 PM Sa

Deck the Halls Winter Workshop

3-11 yrs / Dec 5 / \$10, center members; \$15, nonmembers

Get into the holiday spirit while enjoying festive holiday music, seasonal crafts, refreshments and entertainment by Blue Sky Puppet Theatre showcasing Rufus the Red-Nosed Reindog. You are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items and new toys for charitable donations. Preregistration is required. Registration/Info: 410-313-0390.

RP4400.601 N Laurel Comm Ctr 3-4:30 PM Sa

Deer Santa

2-6 yrs / Dec 13 / \$20 (one child & adult)

Santa's reindeer have many skills. Come discover our special "Reindeer Trail." Hike through the woods as we test our skills against those of our four-legged friends in this family-friendly adventure. Then come back inside to warm up with a snack, make a seasonal craft and get a photo with Santa! Register an additional adult (\$5) or child (\$15). Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

RP4871.501 Robinson Nature Ctr 2-4 PM Su

Deer Santa

"Program was a lot of fun for the kids. Great with a variety of activities. Nice to have walk through the woods, a craft and Santa visit. Would be a fun annual program."

January

NEW! Fitness and Nutrition Seminar

18 yrs + / Jan 7 / Free, fitness members; \$5, nonmembers

Jump start the year by learning new exercises, stretches and techniques for workout regimens. Suitable for all ability levels, this seminar includes healthy nutrition information by our Fitness Coordinator.

Preregistration is required. Registration/Info: 410-313-2764.

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| RP5400.601 | Roger Carter Comm Ctr | Fitness members | 6-8 PM | Th |
| RP5400.602 | Roger Carter Comm Ctr | Nonmembers | 6-8 PM | Th |

Snowflake Ball for Dads & Daughters

4-12 yrs / Jan 9 / \$32, center members (one child & adult); \$40, nonmembers (one child & adult)

Dads (or special adult) and daughters, enjoy refreshments, live DJ, dancing, games, crafts and ice cream sundae bar. Each additional daughter is \$16 for center members and \$20 for nonmembers. Inclement weather date: January 16. Preregistration required. Registration/Info: 410-313-4840.

RP4165.601 Gary J Arthur Comm Ctr 5:30-7:30 PM Sa

NEW! GJACC Indoor Track 5k

All ages / Jan 10 / Free, Fit4U & Go50+ Fitness members; \$25, nonmembers

On your mark! Get set! Go! Come in from the cold and take on a 5K indoors on our center's 3-lane indoor track. Info: Sara Schwab, 410-313-4842.

RP4132.601 Gary J Arthur Comm Ctr 7-10 AM Su

NEW! Belmont Manor Tea and Tour:

Traditional English Afternoon Tea

18 yrs + / Jan 16 / \$30 per person

Enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea in the stately Belmont Manor House, built in 1738. You are greeted by our friendly butler, Henry, and the Duchess of Bedford, Anna, the originator of the afternoon tea. Costumed staff available to answer questions. **For All Belmont Manor Tea Events:** Your palette is tempted with a bottomless pot of tea, a manor scone with clotted cream and jam, tea savories (petite sandwiches), and unique desserts, all made by the Elkridge Furnace Inn chefs. New menus are served each month. After your dining experience, we invite you on a self-guided tour of the Manor House. Wear comfortable shoes while touring.

RP9903.601 Belmont Manor & Historic Pk 2-4:30 PM Sa

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

All ages / Jan 18 / Free

Join us for a day of service to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. for his honorable contributions. Spend the day remembering him by partaking in ceremonies and various activities. Info: 410-313-0390.

N Laurel Comm Ctr 11 AM-3 PM M

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Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dance

4-11 yrs / Jan 23 / \$40 (one child & adult)

Escort your princess to a memorable evening of dancing and fun. Dad (or special adult) and your little sweetheart enjoy dancing with a live DJ, light refreshments, crafts, a souvenir photo and ice cream sundae bar. Please register early. Each additional daughter is \$20. Inclement weather date: January 30. Preregistration is required. Registration/Info: 410-313-4634.

RP1029.601 Roger Carter Comm Ctr 4-6 yrs 4-6 PM Sa

RP1029.611 Roger Carter Comm Ctr 7-11 yrs 7-9 PM Sa

Frozen Fest

All ages / Jan 24 / \$7, Robinson annual pass holders;

\$10, general admission; Free, under 3 yrs

Robinson puts the cool in winter with this fun, family-oriented festival. If you and your family have cabin fever, come out and make your own ice cream, create tracks in the snow and take guided winter hikes along the trails. Check out the cold-blooded creatures that live at the nature center during live animal presentations. Get cozy while watching a movie in the NatureSphere full-dome theater. Explore all things frozen through fun experiments, make a fun winter craft to take home and chase those winter blues away. Preregister to secure your family's spot.

Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

RP4828.601 Robinson Nature Ctr 1-4:30 PM Su

February

Calling All Crafters: Crafter Jurying

18 yrs + / Application deadline Feb 12, 2016 / \$20

Crafts persons, you're invited to participate in the jurying process for Wine in the Woods and Holiday Mart 2016. Submit four professional digital photos on a CD, or photographs of your work (no Polaroids). Images must be representative of your original handcrafted art or craft items and display. Selection is based on uniqueness, originality, quality, display and popularity. You are notified by April. Fee is non-refundable. Download the 2016 Jurying Application at www.howardcountymd.gov/rap (forms and applications). Info: Linda Bell, 410-313-4831, or GJACC front desk, 410-313-4840.

NEW! Belmont Manor Tea and Tour:

"Galentine's" Day Tea

18 yrs + / Feb 6 / \$30

Grab your daughters and best girlfriends, your hats, and fancy outfits for this special day at the Manor House. Delight in a Victorian afternoon tea. (See Belmont Manor Tea and Tour, page 12, for more details.) Be transported to a bygone era at this Valentine's Day event just for the ladies.

RP9903.602 Belmont Manor & Historic Pk 2-4:30 PM Sa

Mommy-Son Valentine's Dance

3-12 yrs / Feb 6 / \$32, center members (one child & adult); \$40, nonmembers (one child & adult)

Make this Valentine's Day memorable. Moms (or special adults) and sons, come to an evening jam-packed with fun, refreshments, live DJ, dancing,



Learn about Santa's deer, then get a picture with the man himself (page 12).

games, crafts, a souvenir photo and an ice cream sundae bar. Each additional son is \$16 (center members) and \$20 (nonmembers).

Inclement weather date: February 20. Preregistration required.

Registration/Info: 410-313-0390.

RP4401.601 N Laurel Comm Ctr 5:30-7:30 PM Sa

Valentine's Truffle-Making & Wine-Tasting flickr

21 yrs + / Feb 13 / \$25 per person or \$40 per couple

Join us for a unique and environmentally friendly Valentine's experience at the Robinson Nature Center! Bring a friend, your sweetheart or your awesome self out to learn the art of hand-rolling delectable chocolate truffles so that you never have to buy pre-packaged chocolates again. Enjoy wine tastings from a local vineyard and learn about the sustainable practices used in their business. Each person leaves with eight hand-rolled truffles. Special thanks to our partner, Whole Foods, for its help in making this event a success. Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

RP4847.601 Robinson Nature Ctr 2-4 PM Sa

March

NEW! Belmont Manor Tea and Tour:

Spring Afternoon Tea

18 yrs + / Mar 12 / \$30

Spring is just around the corner! Savor a glorious afternoon tea at Belmont Manor. (See Belmont Manor Tea and Tour, page 12, for more details.)

RP9903.603 Belmont Manor & Historic Pk 2-4:30 PM Sa

Ghosts of Belmont Investigation

18 yrs + / Mar 19 / \$20 per person

Join the locally inspired ghost tracking team as they guide you on a tour and paranormal presentation of Belmont Manor House, grounds, and cemetery. Learn from and meet experts in the field, paranormal authors, investigators and mediums. Acquire knowledge of equipment including a video camera, voice recorder, EMF meters, and ghost box. Cameras and your own equipment are welcome. Who knows what you will find on this paranormal investigation of Belmont! Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. See page 56 for Paranormal Investigation Lecture Series.

Registration/Info: 410-313-0200.

RP9901.601 Belmont Manor & Historic Pk 7-10 PM Sa



Celebrate spring during one of our Spring Egg Hunts.

Columbia Baseball Fest

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Spring Egg Hunt flickr

2-10 yrs / Dates below / \$7, center members; \$10, nonmembers

Celebrate spring and quality family time! Bring your basket to collect eggs and enjoy prizes, refreshments, games, and craft time. The hunt promptly begins 15 minutes after event start time. Preregistration is required; space is limited. Registration/ Info: 410-313-4840 (GJACC) or 410-313-0459 (NLCC).

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| RP4163.701 | Gary J Arthur Comm Ctr (GJACC) | Mar 19 | 2-3 PM | Sa |
| RP4163.711 | N Laurel Comm Ctr (NLCC) | Mar 20 | 3-4 PM | Su |

Kids Fest flickr

2-12 yrs / Mar 26 / \$5 per participant

Come experience what we have to offer your children at the 3rd annual Kids Fest! This exciting event features sports instruction, games, activities, arts and crafts, food, and much more. Bring the whole family and enjoy fun for all ages. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Info: Brian Wyman, 410-313-4705 or bwyman@howardcountymd.gov.

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| RP5905.701 | Meadowbrook Pk | 11 AM-2 PM | Sa |
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Pool Egg Hunt flickr

2-10 yrs / Mar 26 / \$7, center members; \$10, nonmembers

Celebrate spring by hunting for eggs in our 25-meter pool. Plastic eggs are filled with surprises and float in the pool. All children must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Bring your own basket! The hunt promptly begins 15 minutes after event start time. Preregistration is required; space is limited. Registration/Info: 410-313-2764.

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| RP5400.701 | Center members | Roger Carter Comm Ctr | Noon-1:30 PM | Sa |
| RP5400.702 | Nonmembers | Roger Carter Comm Ctr | Noon-1:30 PM | Sa |

April

Butterfly Gala

All ages / Apr 9 / \$35 per family

The Howard County Therapeutics Program and Robinson Nature Center cordially invite families of children and adults with special needs to join an evening of sensory-friendly activities celebrating spring. Enjoy hands-on

activities throughout the Center, light hors d'oeuvres, music and dancing. This event is designed for families; supervision is not provided. We can't wait to celebrate with you! Please register by April 6. Info: 410-313-0400.

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| RP4860.702 | Robinson Nature Ctr | 6:30-9 PM | Sa |
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NEW! Hop To It at GJACC

3 yrs + / Apr 9 / \$5, center members; \$7, nonmembers

Join us on our escapade as we hop our way down the fitness trail and search for all the items on our scavenger hunt list. Fun for the entire family! Light refreshments provided at the end of the trail.

Info: Sara Schwab, 410-313-4842.

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| RP4180.601 | Gary J Arthur Comm Ctr | 9-10:30 AM | Sa |
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2nd Annual Historic Ellicott City

Earth Day Clean-up

All ages / Apr 23 / Free

Celebrate Earth Day by picking-up litter along the tree lines and streets of Historic Ellicott City. Meet at Roger Carter Community Center for a continental breakfast. We provide gloves, bags and an event t-shirt to each volunteer. All are welcome! Register by April 18!

Registration/Info: 410-313-2764.

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| RP5400.701 | Roger Carter Comm Ctr | 7:30-10:30 AM | Sa |
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Community Yard Sale at NLCC

All ages / Apr 30 / \$15 per space; Free for shoppers

Clean out your basements, closets and garages and haul it down to the North Laurel Community Center for a day of selling and buying. Reservations required. Registration/Info: Laura Yingling, 240-338-8534 or NLaurelYardSale@gmail.com.

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| N Laurel Comm Ctr | 8 AM-noon | Sa |
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Save The Date

NEW! Muffins with Mom –

A Mother's Day Event

2-12 yrs / May 1 / \$7, center members; \$10, nonmembers

Enjoy an early celebration of mom's special day! Join us for a delicious muffin, light refreshments, story reading and craft time. Preregistration is required. Registration/Info: 410-313-0459.

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| RP4403.701 | N Laurel Comm Ctr | 3-4 PM | Su |
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Spring Flea Market

18 yrs + / May 7 / \$20 per space; \$5 for 6' table; Free for shoppers

Get started on your spring cleaning! Clean out those basements, closets, and garages and haul it down to the Gary J. Arthur Community Center for a fun day of selling and buying. Space available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations required at least one week before the event.

Info: 410-313-4840.

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| RP4141.701 | Gary Arthur Comm Ctr | 9 AM-noon | Sa |
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National Road Yard Sale at Roger Carter

18 yrs + / May 28 / \$15 per space

The Historic National Yard & Sidewalk Sale is the area's longest continuous sale. From downtown Baltimore to St. Louis, this sale runs for 284 miles. Join Roger Carter and other community members as we participate in a fun day of selling and buying. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve a space by May 22. Registration/Info: Montrez Brown, 410-313-2764 or mjbrown@howardcountymd.gov.

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